

REMARKS

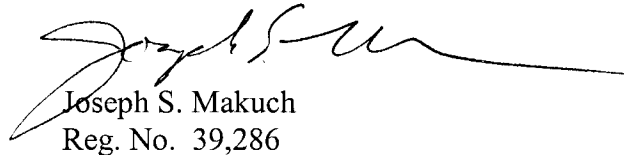
Independent claims 1 and 28 are amended to include limitations from dependent claim 5. Entry of the proposed amendments is appropriate because it narrows the issues and presents the rejected claims in better form for appeal. MPEP 714.12; 37 CFR 1.116. Because the subject matter of claim 5 has already been searched and considered by the Examiner, no additional searching is necessary, and no new issues are raised by the proposed amendments.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case. Applicant's representative can frequently be reached at (503) 880-3613 outside of normal office hours.

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